

standards. This bill honors Mother Teresa for her lifelong devotion to the sick and the needy in the most impoverished areas of the world. It also recognizes her work to build and sustain the Missionaries of Charities in 25 countries. Under her direction and following her example of selflessness, over 3,000 members of the Missionaries of Charities stand ready to continue her work.

Mr. President, Mother Teresa has already been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. It is time for Congress itself to honor Mother Teresa and I commend Senator BROWBACK for initiating this legislation. I offer my personal thanks and congratulations to my colleague.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent the bill be considered read for a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table and any statements related to this bill be placed in the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 1650) was read a third time and passed.

AUTHORIZING THE 1997 SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RELAY

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 67 which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 67) authorizing the 1997 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table and any statements related to the resolution appear at this point.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 67) was agreed to.

NEW MEXICO STATEHOOD AND ENABLING ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1997

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent the Senate turn to immediate consideration of Calendar 53, Senate bill 430.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 430) to amend the Act of June 20, 1910, to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of New Mexico from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read for the third time

and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 430) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. PERMANENT TRUST FUNDS OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “New Mexico Statehood and Enabling Act Amendments of 1997”.

(b) INVESTMENT OF AND DISTRIBUTIONS FROM PERMANENT TRUST FUNDS.—The Act of June 20, 1910 (36 Stat. 557, chapter 310), is amended—

(1) in the proviso in the second paragraph of section 7, by striking “the income therefrom only to be used” and inserting “distributions from which shall be made in accordance with the first paragraph of section 10 and shall be used”;

(2) in section 9, by striking “the interest of which only shall be expended” and inserting “distributions from which shall be made in accordance with the first paragraph of section 10 and shall be expended”; and

(3) in the first paragraph of section 10, by adding at the end the following: “The trust funds, including all interest, dividends, other income, and appreciation in the market value of assets of the funds shall be prudently invested on a total rate of return basis. Distributions from the trust funds shall be made as provided in Article 12, Section 7 of the Constitution of the State of New Mexico.”.

(c) CONSENT OF CONGRESS.—Congress consents to the amendments to the Constitution of the State of New Mexico proposed by Senate Joint Resolution 2 of the 42nd Legislature of the State of New Mexico, Second Session, 1996, entitled “A Joint Resolution proposing amendments to Article 8, Section 10 and Article 12, Sections 2, 4 and 7 of the Constitution of New Mexico to protect the State’s permanent funds against inflation by limiting distributions to a percentage of each fund’s market value and by modifying certain investment restrictions to allow optimal diversification of investments”, approved by the voters of the State of New Mexico on November 5, 1996.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the executive calendar: Calendar Nos. 76, 78 through 81, and 112.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, and that any statements relating to the nominations appear in the RECORD at this point, that the President be immediately notified of Senate’s action, and that the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations were considered and confirmed as follows:

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Air Force to the grade indi-

cated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. George T. Babbitt, Jr., 0000

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

to be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Tad J. Oelstrom, 0000

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Richard B. Myers, 0000

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, 0000

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. John B. Hall, Jr., 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following-named officers for promotion in the Regular Air Force of the U.S. to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Gary A. Ambrose, 0000
Col. Frank J. Anderson, Jr., 0000
Col. Thomas L. Baptiste, 0000
Col. Barry W. Barksdale, 0000
Col. Leroy Barnidge, Jr., 0000
Col. Randall K. Bigum, 0000
Col. Richard B. Bundy, 0000
Col. Sharla J. Cook, 0000
Col. Tommy F. Crawford, 0000
Col. Charles E. Croom, Jr., 0000
Col. Richard W. Davis, 0000
Col. Robert R. Dierker, 0000
Col. Jerry M. Drennen, 0000
Col. Carol C. Elliot, 0000
Col. Paul W. Essex, 0000
Col. Michael N. Farage, 0000
Col. Randall C. Gelwix, 0000
Col. James A. Hawkins, 0000
Col. Gary W. Heckman, 0000
Col. Hiram L. Jones, 0000
Col. Joseph E. Kelley, 0000
Col. Christopher A. Kelly, 0000
Col. Jeffrey B. Kohler, 0000
Col. Edward L. LaFountaine, 0000
Col. William J. Lake, 0000
Col. Dan L. Locker, 0000
Col. Teddie M. McFarland, 0000
Col. Michael C. McMahan, 0000
Col. Duncan J. McNabb, 0000
Col. Richard A. Mentemeyer, 0000
Col. James W. Morehouse, 0000
Col. Paul D. Nielsen, 0000
Col. Thomas A. Oriordan, 0000
Col. Bentley B. Rayburn, 0000
Col. Regner C. Rider, 0000
Col. Gary L. Salisbury, 0000
Col. Klaus O. Schafer, 0000
Col. Charles N. Simpson, 0000
Col. Andrew W. Smoak, 0000
Col. John M. Spiegel, 0000
Col. Randall F. Starbuck, 0000
Col. Scott P. Van Cleef, 0000
Col. Glenn C. Waltman, 0000
Col. Craig P. Weston, 0000